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CUBA POLICY

THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN:

Q: WHAT DOES THE DEPARTMENT THINK OF CONGRESSIONAL
INITIATIVES ON CUBA POLICY?

A: IF YOU ARE REFERRING TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S OMNIBUS BILL,
WE THINK IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THE CONGRESS "CONSIDER AND
DEBATE" THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH CUBA, AS
SENATOR KENNEDY SAID IN INTRODUCING THE BILL. WE DO NOT
THINK IT WOULD SERVE OUR INTERESTS THAT THE BILL BE PASSED
IMMEDIATELY, SINCE THAT WOULD OPEN UP TRADE BEFORE THE OAS
HAS ACTED TO REPEAL THE EXISTING MULTILATERAL SANCTIONS.
THIS WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH OUR OAS COMMITMENTS. AS
HYC THE JAVITS-PELL RESOLUTION, WE WOULD WELCOME A DEBATE
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WHICH WOULD LEAD TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES AT

STAKE AND FULL PUBLIC SUPPORT. INGERSOLL

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